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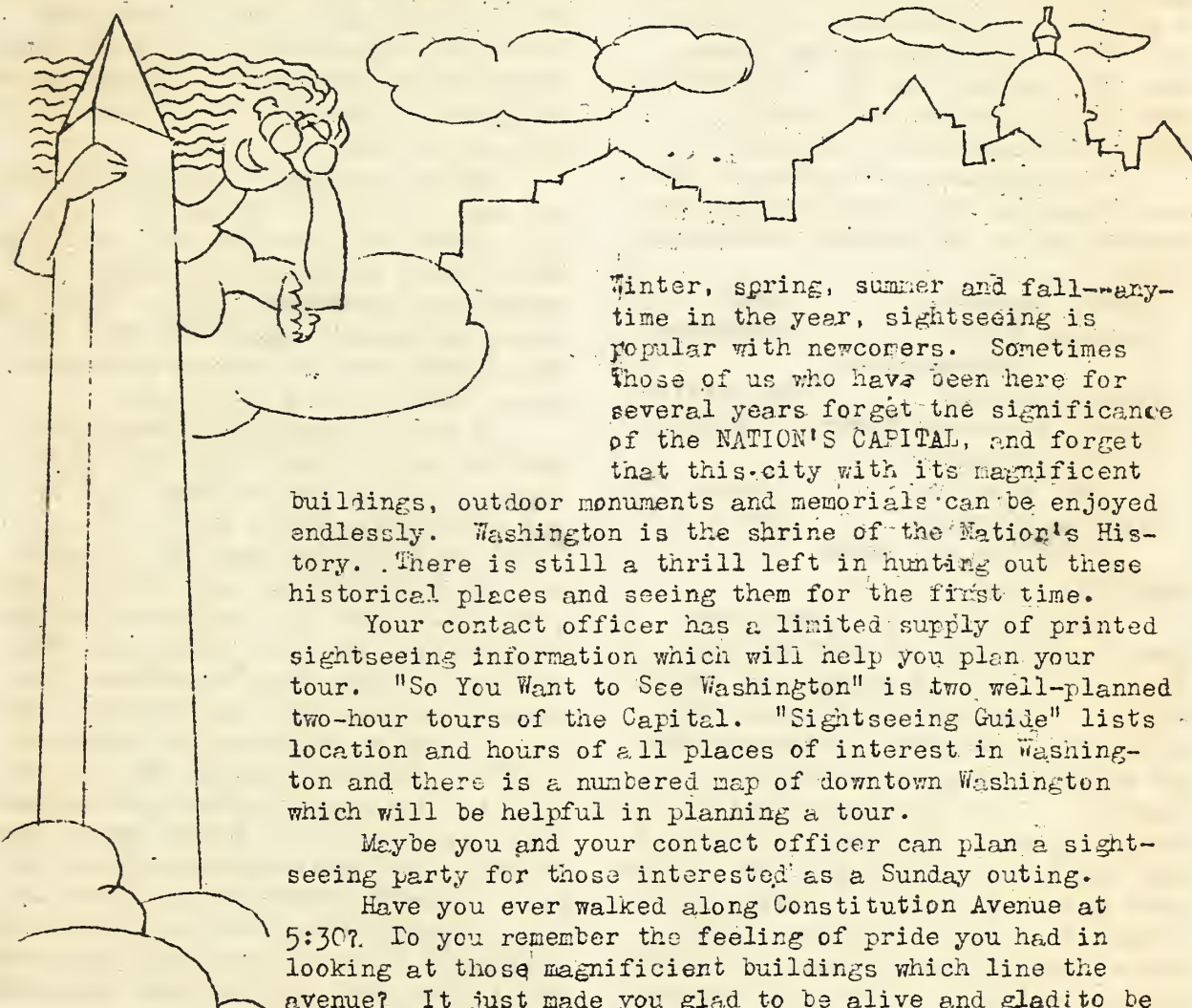
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Winter, spring, summer and fall--any-time in the year, sightseeing is popular with newcomers. Sometimes those of us who have been here for several years forget the significance of the NATION'S CAPITAL, and forget that this city with its magnificent

buildings, outdoor monuments and memorials can be enjoyed endlessly. Washington is the shrine of the Nation's History. There is still a thrill left in hunting out these historical places and seeing them for the first time.

Your contact officer has a limited supply of printed sightseeing information which will help you plan your tour. "So You Want to See Washington" is two well-planned two-hour tours of the Capital. "Sightseeing Guide" lists location and hours of all places of interest in Washington and there is a numbered map of downtown Washington which will be helpful in planning a tour.

Maybe you and your contact officer can plan a sightseeing party for those interested as a Sunday outing.

Have you ever walked along Constitution Avenue at 5:30? Do you remember the feeling of pride you had in looking at those magnificent buildings which line the avenue? It just made you glad to be alive and glad to be in Washington, in spite of little inconveniences. Try a bit of sightseeing, go inside the buildings and see the treasures there. You'll be glad you did.

GOVERNMENT EMPLOYEES' CONCERT

Have you gotten your tickets for the National Symphony Concert for Government employees to be held on Sunday afternoon, January 28, at 4 o'clock? Tickets may be obtained in room 528, Administration Bldg., thru Fri. noon, Jan. 26. The prices are 60¢, 90¢, \$1.20 and \$1.30. Choice seats are still available.

The program to be presented by the Orchestra with Hans Kindler conducting is one of popular orchestral music:

Oberon Overture	Weber
Symphony No. 5	Beethoven
Intermission	
Dream Pantomine	Humperdinck
Waltz, Voices of Spring	Strauss
Hungarian Dances	
No. 1 and 2	Brahms
American Salute	Gould

We'll see you there.

CAFETERIA AT P.I.S.A.E.

Tuesday, Jan. 16 marked the grand opening of the new cafeteria at the Plant Industry Station at Beltsville. Palms and cut flowers decorated the basement of Greenhouse No. 1 of Range 2, where the cafeteria is located. Plant Industry folks are all pepped up over this new facility and say the food is delicious, the service good and their family feeling growing stronger by lunch periods. Credit and congratulations go to the Welfare Asso. for this added service for employees.

KEEP ON BUYING WAR BONDS

BELTSVILLE BLOOD DONORS

On Jan. 2, the Beltsville Research Center held a blood donor program showing their employees the film "They Need Not Die." On Jan. 9, the mobile blood donor unit visited the Center and obtained 160 pints of blood which was an increase of 28 pints over the quantity donated ten weeks earlier.

COOKERY FOR TWO

Girls, how about learning to cook for that serviceman of yours? He's been living on K rations for some time while being tortured with dreams of delicious home-cooked meals. Don't let him down when he comes home from the wars. Learn how to prepare delicious meals, now, in your spare time.

A course entitled "Cookery for Two" is being given at Central High School, 13th & Clifton Sts., N. W., and at McKinley-Tech, 2nd & T Sts., N. E. Registration for both schools is room 6 at Central High, Feb. 5, from 7 to 9 p.m. To make necessary advance registration call Na. 6000, ext. 841, and ask for Mrs. Rush's office. The course includes meal planning and buying as well as cooking, and a fee of \$5.00 is charged to cover the cost of food and the mimeographing of recipes. There is a five-week course to be given on Mon. and Thurs. evenings from 7 to 9 and a ten-week course to be given on Wed. evenings from 7 to 9. Such an opportunity seldom knocks more than once and if you wait for the next time your husband will probably be home!

AGRICULTURE BULLETINS

Your Department puts out many bulletins on a variety of subjects, four of which we would like to call to your attention. An excellent booklet entitled "Fitting Dresses" No. 1964, will be an aid to those of you who sew. "Dresses and Aprons", No. 1963, is helpful for planning your housekeeping wardrobe.

Far be it from anyone to suggest that USDA housewives aren't immaculate but just in case their neighbors have friendly cockroaches or waterbugs, the leaflet on "Cockroaches" is suggested. It is No. 144.

You rug cutters can learn to repair your own damage if you will get a copy of Farmers' Bulletin 1960, just off the press, called "Carpet and Rug Repair".

Single copies of these booklets are available at the Information Desk in the Patio.

HOSTESS TRAINING

Friendship House at 619 D St., S. E., offers a new Hostess Training Course beginning Mon., Jan. 29, at 7:30 p.m. There will be seven lectures on consecutive Mondays. A 25¢ registration fee will be charged. Girls interested in taking the course should call LI. 6202 before Jan. 26, to make reservations.

INAUGURATION DAY

On Inauguration Day the Auditorium was packed from 11:45 to 12:15 with employees listening to the Inauguration broadcast.

FUN AT Y. W. C. A.

The Y. W. C. A. has an excellent program planned for just livin'. There is music or bowling on Mon. nights for girls 17 to 30. Tues. nights there's a Personalized Clinic, a Dance and a Dancing Class. If you're between 19 and 26 come to dinner on Wed. eve., follow up with participation in a discussion group or the dancing class or bowling. Business girls between 17 and 22, Fri. night is yours. Dinner at 6:15 followed by "Fun with Melodramas" or "Streamline Your Figure" or basketball or bowling. Grand finale: Dancing in Barker Hall - 9 to 12 p.m.

Girls, this is just a sample of what goes on at the Y. W. C. A. at 17th and K Sts., N. W. They have innumerable discussion groups, all sorts of sports including swimming and also educational groups which include language classes, sewing and handicraft instructions, and so on. Take advantage of the FUN opportunities offered. Go to the Y. W. C. A. and take your girlfriends along. For further information on the programs, call ME. 2100.

ACTIVITIES

You'll notice we've featured Sightseeing in this issue of the Bulletin. From time to time we've mentioned various activities in which an interest has been expressed by YOU. If there are other activities in which you are interested, call us, ext. 3105. We'll be glad to investigate.

O. I. vs. B. & F.

On Sat., Jan. 27, at 6:15 p.m. members of the Office of Information and the Office of Budget and Finance will pit wits against each other in the "Battle of the Bureaus" over WTOP. A limited supply of tickets for the performance are available in rm. 528. If you can't attend be sure to tune in.

STATE SOCIETIES

Meet the folks from home at your State Society dance. Tickets are available from the State Society Officers and at the door.

Jan. 26, 9 to 1, at the Willard, KENTUCKY.

Feb. 3, 9 to 12:30, Burgundy Room, Wardman-Park, COLORADO.

Feb. 3, 10 to 1, at the Shoreham, GEORGIA.

Feb. 15, 10 to 1, at the Statler, ARKANSAS.

WASHINGTON WELCOMES YOU

On Sunday, Feb. 4, at 6:40 a group will meet at the Hall of Columns in the National Art Gallery to view the art treasures which have recently been returned to the Gallery. The tour, sponsored by Washington Welcomes You, will be conducted by a member of the Education Dept. at the Gallery. A limited number of free tickets are available in room 528;

Why not make an evening of it? Have dinner at the Gallery cafeteria which is open from 4 to 7, enjoy the tour, and then attend the concert presented by the National Gallery Sinfonietta at 8 p.m. in the East Garden Court.

CONSERVATION OF FUEL

In accordance with a directive issued by War Manpower Director, Jas. F. Byrnes, the Public Buildings Administration has ordered that building temperatures not in excess of 68°F. during normal working hours shall be maintained insofar as manpower and equipment will permit. The shortage of fuel which has made it necessary to take these measures is acute, as we all know.

To maintain a maximum temperature of 68° means that a temperature range of approximately 65° to 68° may be encountered at any time during the day. The mechanical equipment in the South Building particularly does not lend itself to regulation even within these limits; so your cooperation in being as patient as possible will be greatly appreciated.

A temperature of 68° is not unhealthy, although it is lower than the temperature to which we have become accustomed. It is suggested that everyone wear heavy clothing and we'll all get used to the change in temperature together, with a smile. After all, when you think about it, it's really not very much of a sacrifice. Is it?

SOCIETY FOR PERSONNEL ADMINISTRATION

The Society for Personnel Administration is making a final membership drive. If you are doing personnel work and would like to become a member, get an application from your personnel office or your contact officer.